

## STORM NOTES.

HEAVY STORMS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY.

Great Hail-Crops Injured and Cattle Killed-Terrific Electrical Displays.

Various sections of the country have been visited by storms during the past few days, as the following telegrams of the 14th will show:

## NEW YORK.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.: After three weeks of drought a storm of unparalleled fury burst over this region late last night, coming from the west and extending east to the Conowingo Valley, until it spent its fury on Scudder's Hill, in the town of Randolph. The lightning was incessant, and the thunder a continuous roar for half an hour, while hailstones fell in showers to a depth of five inches in places, and in drifts they piled themselves between two and three feet high, while fields of grain were mown down, trees were stripped of their foliage and half-torn, and windows were broken. The hail-stones were as large as walnuts, oblong in shape, and jagged. Cattle exposed to the storm were bruised and driven almost wild by the ice-pellets. The damage is far beyond calculation, as it injured many half-grown crops, the yield of which can only be estimated. The storm spread over a wide area. In the town of Sugar Grove, James Collins' barn was wrecked by lightning and burned. One horse was killed. The loss was \$1,000, and not insured.

BUFFALO, N. Y.: A very heavy rain and thunder-storm passed over Western New York last night, and reports from many points indicate that much damage was done. Many buildings were destroyed by lightning, and in some cases the hay crop, which had been gathered and stored, was burned. In some sections much damage was done to standing grain by the terrific wind which accompanied the storm. Many hundred acres of winter wheat in the town of James Collins' barn was wrecked by lightning and burned. One horse was killed. The loss was \$1,000, and not insured.

RENTON, N. J.: Samuel Gassaway (colored), a prosperous kindling-wood manufacturer of this city, was struck by lightning and killed at 6 o'clock this evening. A heavy thunder-shower prevailed at the time. Gassaway and another colored man were standing in the doorway of the former's dwelling on Belvidere street. A ball of fire came flying toward them, and both were struck to the ground. The next moment passers-by discovered that Gassaway was dead and his friend stunned. The electric current ripped Gassaway's coat and trousers and tore the shoe off his left foot. A white spot, circular in shape and five inches in diameter, was found over the region of the heart, the physician stated, that the lightning struck him there.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

ERIE: A terrific thunder-storm passed over this section of the country last night. While it broke a protracted drought and put out the forest fires which have destroyed millions of feet of lumber and several thousand acres of timber-land near Tracy, it also did great damage. Two inches of rain fell during the storm, and the city of Erie was particularly severe. The residence of Joseph Spierman was struck by lightning and Mrs. Spierman was killed. The neighbors found Spierman and the three children apparently dead. Their recovery is not expected. They were found in time to save them from being cremated.

PIRELLA: A severe electrical and windstorm accompanied by rain and hail, visited this section early this morning, doing great damage to fruits and cereals. The storm broke over the city about 2 o'clock and continued without abatement for three hours, and during that time the rainfall was one and a half inches. Along the shore of Lake Erie, the city of Pirella was particularly severe. The residence of Joseph Spierman was struck by lightning and Mrs. Spierman was killed. The neighbors found Spierman and the three children apparently dead. Their recovery is not expected. They were found in time to save them from being cremated.

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